

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for their incredible support again this week. We have had high levels of staff absence and many children off but the children in school have been brilliant, the staff have worked tirelessly and the support we have from you, the community, has helped us to have another terrific week in school against all odds! If your child is at home at present please keep communicating with class staff on EEXAt (EY) and Seesaw (KS1 and 2) to ensure that work is being set appropriately.



Cinderella

On Friday 28 January we welcome a theatre company to our Lower Site Hall for this year's Pantomime treat. To safely put on the show, we have paid for two separate performances to enable spacing of classes.

Lower Site children will watch from
9.10 – 10.15am

And the Upper Site children from
10.25 – 11.30am

We ask that a contribution of £1 be brought in that day to help cover part of the cost.

PARENTS' EVENING

We are deferring our Parents' Evening until Half Term 4 in the genuine hope that cases may fall to enable us to have a face to face Parents' Evening as well as being able to share up to date Spring Assessment data.

WATCH OUT for date and details.

In the meantime, remember you can see staff every morning and afternoon to discuss any queries on progress and even see pupil books if you would like. Also, remember that EEXAT (EY) and Seesaw (KS1 and 2) can be used to communicate from home to school and for school to share work and targets.



HOLY NATIVITY PANTRY SCHEME

We have boxes in the foyer at both sites on behalf of the Holy Nativity Church. They would be very grateful for any donations of food from our community for their Pantry Scheme. Remember, the Pantry is open every Monday afternoon for ALL families to use as support with food.



CASUAL STAFF

We are looking to boost our bank of casual staff to cover roles in Midday Supervisors, General Kitchen Assistants and Cleaners.

PLEASE contact school if you are interested.

With certain restrictions set to be lifted by the government despite very high rates of Covid in Yorkshire, BBC Look North visited today to see the incredible job our school community is doing together to keep our school fully open as a fantastic place of education and enjoyment despite high levels of staff and pupil absence. Watch at 6:30 tonight to see our wonderful children starring on the BBC again!



ASH GREEN IN THE NEWS



Girls age 7-10

Register your interest by visiting

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or you can ring
Girlguiding on 0800 169 5901

Your nearest Brownie unit is

1st Mount Tabor Brownies
Mount Tabor Methodist Church
Mount Tabor
Halifax
HX2 0UP
Meet Monday 6.15-7.30
Contact:
1stmounttaborbrownies@gmail.com



Our After School Club will be relocating to the **Upper Site** from **Monday 24 January 2022.**

Children who attend the Lower Site will be escorted to the Upper Site on the school minibus. This is a superb location where the children will utilise the Hall, Dining Hall and Hive room as well as the Adventure Playground equipment. Our kitchen staff will support with catering and the club is staffed by school staff who work across both sites.

Pick up will be through the KS2 playground, which is signposted and is accessible from Brow Bottom Lane and the staff and visitor carpark. If you want further details for your child to start attending then phone 01422 244613 to speak to Mrs Thompson.

KEEPING CALDERDALE SAFE DURING COVID-19

If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19

- You are legally required to self-isolate for 10 days **unless you are fully vaccinated**, or you are **below the age of 18 years 6 months**
 - If you are not required to isolate, you should take a Lateral Flow test **every day for 7 days**, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. Children under the age of 5 are not advised to take part in daily Lateral Flow testing.
 - Take a single **PCR test as soon as possible** while you are self-isolating. However, if you have previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days you should not take another PCR test unless you develop symptoms. When there is a surge in COVID-19 cases it may be difficult for people without symptoms to book a PCR test slot locally. If you aren't able to book a PCR test, it's important to keep doing daily Lateral Flow tests
 - Remain vigilant to COVID-19 symptoms (see below)
 - Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
 - Limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19
 - Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing if you are 11 or over
 - Stay away from people who are clinically vulnerable as much as possible
- Remember that vaccination reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of acquiring and transmitting infection.

If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms

- The person must stay at home and self-isolate and seek a PCR test. Do not rely on a negative Lateral Flow test as these tests are not as accurate in picking up COVID-19 in people with symptoms.
- The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19

- Anyone who tests positive on a PCR is required to stay at home and self-isolate in line with national guidance.
- From 11th January, as a temporary measure, anyone who tests positive on a Lateral Flow test will be required to self-isolate immediately and does not need to take a confirmatory PCR test.
- Everyone else in the household should follow the above guidance for people who have been in contact with a case.
- Locally, we advise that where someone in the household has tested positive, school-aged children should undertake daily Lateral Flow testing for 7 days (in line with national guidance) but that they should stay off school until after they have taken their Day 3 Lateral Flow test, returning on Day 3 only if tests on Day 1-3 are negative.=

Understanding your self-isolation period following a positive COVID-19 test

- Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.
- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.
- If the result of either or their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Support to self-isolate

- If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or is told to isolate as a contact of a case, support is available.
- Support with practical tasks like shopping and collecting medications is available if you are unable to leave the house and don't have any family or friends that can help. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help/advice> or ring **01422 392890** if you don't have access to the internet.

You may be eligible for financial assistance of £500 if you are unable to go to work because you are isolating and will lose income as a result. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/help-people-and-communities/test-and-trace-support-payment> or ring **01422 288003** if you don't have access to the internet.

This situation is constantly evolving with more news this week about proposed relaxation of restrictions next week and down the line- I am doing my best to keep abreast of it and also to ensure everyone has the most up to date information!!! Mr Sheppard.